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Rs. 27 or Rs. 40, why then the Government are not considering the economical aspect of the question, and why should they introduce these steel frames and windows?"

The hon. Mr M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Though the initial cost is more, the cost of maintenance and upkeep will be less."

Mr. P. BAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"May I know from the Minister what the maintenance cost is in the case of teak windows and doors?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. R KARANT :—"Before finally deciding on this point, will the hon. the Minister take the opinion of this House on this matter?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"No, Sir, I do not think it will be possible."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHELAM CHETTI :—"May I know if the Minister for Development has got the power to countermand the orders of the Chief Engineer in this matter?"

The hon. Mr M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I have."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if the hon. the Minister has compared the cost of upkeep of the steel windows with that of the upkeep of wooden windows? May I know if he has scrutinized the difference?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The then Minister must have scrutinized it, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"I want definitely to ask the Minister if he has not got information that the steel windows put up for the police school building at Coimbatore are shaky?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"May I know from the Minister if it is not the accepted policy of the Government to encourage indigenous articles and indigenous labour? If so, is he aware that by introducing these steel frames and windows, he is replacing Indian labour and Indian materials?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"That is a matter of opinion."

Mr SAMI VENKATACHELAM CHETTI :—"What is the Minister's opinion, Sir?"

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"He has none, Sir."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Public Health

Number of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in the Presidency.

1768 Q.—Rao Bahadur S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in each district in the Presidency; and

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(b) whether the Government have spent any amount for starting Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in any district and if so, in what districts; and how much?

A.—(a) A statement[a] showing the information is laid on the table.

(b) No. But the Government propose to give grants to the Health and Welfare Association, Tellicherry, and the Health Week and Maternity Ward Committee, Arkonam, towards the cost of constructing maternity wards. The request of the District Health Association, Trichinopoly, for a grant for the construction of a building is under the consideration of the Government.

[*Note.*—**An asterick (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* THE USE OF STEEL WINDOWS AND DOORS FOR POLICE QUARTERS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Before the Council passes to the next item, I have to state that two notice papers have been received by me, both from Mr. Satyamurti. The first is notice of an adjournment motion regarding the use of steel windows and doors for police quarters. The hon. Member is aware, I think, that under rule 12 he has to obtain the consent of the President before he can ask for leave to make an adjournment motion. No application for such consent has been made to me, and I insist upon previous consent being taken. Without such consent, I cannot permit any hon. Member to move an adjournment motion. That is the first point.

"Even supposing that this notice is itself an application for such consent, during budget debates when there is every opportunity for hon. Members to discuss such matters, I do not propose to give such consent."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire, Sir, whether as a result of these questions now put and answered an application cannot arise? I want to know how, in the case of unsatisfactory answers given now, the previous consent of the President can be obtained."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Previous consent, as I said, must be there before the motion for leave is made. No application was made for my consent before this notice of motion for leave was handed to me. That is the technical objection I have raised. I insist upon previous consent being taken."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"This is the first time I hear, Sir, about an application."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know when and how we can ask for this consent?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The point is this. The hon. Member can apply to the President by means of a letter for consent being given."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"When there is hardly time for it, Sir?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is my ruling."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 310 infra.